

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Replaceable cartridge filtering jug ~~(1)~~ comprising, means ~~(10,11)~~ for counting and displaying the filtering cycles performed by the cartridge ~~(4)~~ in order to indicate exhaustion of the cartridge ~~(4)~~ at the end of a period corresponding to its efficient useful life, ~~characterised in that it comprises and~~ auxiliary means ~~(13,14; 10,11)~~ of counting and display which are capable of counting the filtering cycles performed in a subsidiary period of ~~the~~ said period to indicate an item of data representing the temporary efficiency of the cartridge ~~(4)~~ during the subsidiary period.
2. (Currently Amended) The Filtering jug ~~(1)~~ according to claim 1 in which the subsidiary period has a daily frequency.
3. (Currently Amended) The Filtering jug ~~(1)~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~ in which ~~the~~ said counting and display means ~~(13,14; 10,11)~~ are designed to calculate and display the value of the residual useful life of the cartridge ~~(4)~~ on the basis of the most restrictive count value during the period, attributing ~~the a~~ minimum value between ~~the a~~ maximum value and the residual value during the subsidiary period to each subsidiary period.
4. (Currently Amended) Method for monitoring and controlling the efficiency of a filtering cartridge for a replaceable cartridge filtering device ~~(1)~~ comprising, the ~~stages~~ step of counting and displaying the filtering cycles performed by the cartridge ~~(4)~~ to indicate that the cartridge is exhausted at the end of a period corresponding to its efficient useful life and the step, ~~characterised in that it comprises a stage of~~ auxiliary counting and display of the filtering cycles performed by the cartridge ~~(4)~~ in a subsidiary period of ~~the~~ said period to indicate an item of data representing the temporary efficiency of the cartridge in the subsidiary period.
5. (Currently Amended) The Method according to claim 4, in which the subsidiary period has a daily frequency.

6. (Currently Amended) The Method according to claim 4 or 5 in which the said counting and display step is performed by calculating and displaying the value of the residual useful life of the cartridge (4) on the basis of the most restrictive count value during the period, attributing the a minimum value between the a maximum value and the residual value in the subsidiary period to each subsidiary period of the residual period.

7. (New) The filtering jug according to claim 2 in which said counting and display means are designed to calculate and display the value of the residual useful life of the cartridge on the basis of the most restrictive count value during the period, attributing a minimum value between a maximum value and the residual value during the subsidiary period to each subsidiary period.

8. (New) The method according to claim 5 in which the said counting and display step is performed by calculating and displaying the value of the residual useful life of the cartridge on the basis of the most restrictive count value during the period, attributing a minimum value between a maximum value and the residual value in the subsidiary period to each subsidiary period of the residual period.

9. (New) Replaceable cartridge filtering jug comprising, means for counting filtering cycles indicating the exhaustion of the cartridge at the end of a period corresponding to the useful life of the cartridge, and auxiliary means of counting capable of counting the filtering cycles performed in a subsidiary period of said period to indicate data representing the temporary efficiency of the cartridge during the subsidiary period.

10. (New) The filtering jug according to claim 9, including means displaying the count of the filtering cycles performed by the cartridge in the period.

11. (New) The filtering jug according to claim 9, including means displaying the count of the filtering cycles performed in the subsidiary period.

12. (New) The filtering jug according to claim 9, wherein said means for counting is a circuit.

13. (New) The filtering jug according to claim 9, wherein said auxiliary means of counting is a circuit.